

after Final would not be entered. Nevertheless, claim changes suggested by the Examiner were discussed, and the Examiner indicated that the suggested claim changes should be able to put the claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, this Amendment implements the suggested claimed changes. Specifically, the claim changes include:

- Incorporating the limitation of claim 67 (as in the Preliminary Amendment) into independent claim 64 (as in the Amendment of February 2000).
- Incorporating the limitation of claim 99 (as in the Preliminary Amendment) into independent claim 94 (as in the Amendment of February 2000).
- Incorporating the limitation of claim 128 (as in the Preliminary Amendment) into independent claim 125 (as in the Amendment of February 2000).
- Incorporating the limitation of claim 141 (as in the Preliminary Amendment) into independent claim 137 (as in the Amendment of February 2000).
- Incorporating the limitation of claim 151 (as in the Preliminary Amendment) into independent claim 149 (as in the Amendment of February 2000).

As part of implementing the above changes, claims 67, 99, 128, 141, and 151 have been cancelled. Selected other dependent claims have also been amended to remove their dependency from these cancelled claims.

Furthermore, claims 87, 88, 118, and 119 have been amended to overcome the Section 112 rejection. Specifically, the phrase "purported to match" has been changed to "asserted to match." Moreover, claim 158-161 have been cancelled, and applicants retain the option of possibly pursuing these claims in a continuation application.

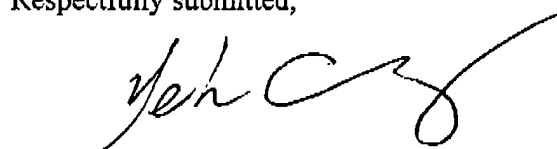
With these suggested claim changes made, the claims as amended should now be allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that the application is in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment and pass this application to issue:

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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